

Sally Quillian Yates, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Kathleen S. Tighe, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Education.

OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL COORDINATOR FOR ALASKA NATURAL GAS TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Larry Persily, of Alaska, to be Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects for the term prescribed by law.

NORTHERN BORDER REGIONAL COMMISSION

Sandford Blitz, of Maine, to be Federal Chairperson of the Northern Border Regional Commission.

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION

Earl F. Gohl, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Federal Cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission.

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

FOREIGN SERVICE

PN1017-3 FOREIGN SERVICE nomination of Earl W. Gast, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 25, 2009.

PN1185 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (3) beginning Suzanne E. Heinen, and ending Bernadette Borris, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 17, 2009.

PN1271 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (99) beginning Sean J. McIntosh, and ending William Qian Yu, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 11, 2009.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

COMMENDING THE AMERICAN SAIL TRAINING ASSOCIATION

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 158, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 158) to commend the American Sail Training Association for advancing international goodwill and character building under sail.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a Kerry amendment to the resolution, which is at the desk, be agreed to; the resolution, as amended, be agreed to; that a Kerry amendment to the preamble, which is at the desk, be agreed to; the preamble, as amended, be agreed to; the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate; and any statements related to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 3459) was agreed to, as follows:

Strike paragraph (3) of the resolving clause and insert the following:

(3) encourages all people of the United States and the world to join in celebration of the "Tall Ships Challenge" races and in the character-building and educational experience that the races represent for the youth of all nations.

The resolution (S. Res. 158), as amended, was agreed to.

The amendment (No. 3460) was agreed to, as follows:

Strike the 12th whereas clause of the preamble and insert the following:

Whereas ATSA collaborates with port partners around North America to produce the "Tall Ships Challenge" races and maritime events, drawing sail training vessels from around the world: Now, therefore, be it

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

The resolution, as amended, with its preamble, as amended, reads as follows:

S. RES. 158

Whereas the American Sail Training Association (ASTA) is an educational nonprofit corporation whose declared mission is "to encourage character building through sail training, promote sail training to the North American public and support education under sail";

Whereas since its founding in 1973, ASTA has supported character-building experiences aboard traditionally rigged sail training vessels and has established a program of scholarship funds to support such experiences;

Whereas ASTA has a long history of tall ship races, rallies, and maritime festivals, dating back as far as 1976;

Whereas each year since 2001, ASTA has held the "Tall Ships Challenge", a series of races and maritime festivals that involve sail training vessels, trainees, and crews from all the coasts of the United States and around the world;

Whereas the Tall Ships Challenge series has reached an audience of approximately 8,000,000 spectators and brought more than \$400,000,000 to more than 30 host communities;

Whereas ASTA supports a membership of more than 200 sail training vessels, including barks, barques, barkentines, brigantines, brigs, schooners, sloops, and full-rigged ships, which carry the flags of the United States, Canada, and many other nations and have brought life-changing adventures to thousands of young trainees;

Whereas ASTA has held a series of more than 30 annual sail training conferences in cities throughout the United States and Canada, including the Safety Under Sail Forum and the Education Under Sail Forum;

Whereas ASTA has collaborated extensively with the Coast Guard and with the premier sail training vessel of the United States, the square-rigged barque USCGC Eagle;

Whereas ASTA publishes "Sail Tall Ships", a periodic directory of sail training opportunities;

Whereas in 1982, ASTA supported the enactment of the Sailing School Vessel Act of 1982, title II of Public Law 97-322 (96 Stat. 1588);

Whereas ASTA has ably represented the United States as a founding member of the national sail training organization in Sail Training International, the recognized international body for the promotion of sail training, which has hosted a series of international races of square-rigged and other traditionally rigged vessels since the 1950s; and

Whereas ATSA collaborates with port partners around North America to produce the

"Tall Ships Challenge" races and maritime events, drawing sail training vessels from around the world: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the American Sail Training Association for advancing character building experiences for youth at sea in traditionally rigged sailing vessels and the finest traditions of the sea;

(2) commends the American Sail Training Association for acting as the national sail training association of the United States and representing the sail training community of the United States in the international forum; and

(3) encourages all people of the United States and the world to join in celebration of the "Tall Ships Challenge" races and in the character-building and educational experience that the races represent for the youth of all nations.

LORD'S RESISTANCE ARMY DISARMAMENT AND NORTHERN UGANDA RECOVERY ACT OF 2009

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 228, S. 1067.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1067) to support stabilization and lasting peace in northern Uganda and areas affected by the Lord's Resistance Army through development of a regional strategy to support multilateral efforts to successfully protect civilians and eliminate the threat posed by the Lord's Resistance Army and to authorize funds for humanitarian relief and reconstruction, reconciliation, and transitional justice, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1067) to support stabilization and lasting peace in northern Uganda and areas affected by the Lord's Resistance Army through development of a regional strategy to support multilateral efforts to successfully protect civilians and eliminate the threat posed by the Lord's Resistance Army and to authorize funds for humanitarian relief and reconstruction, reconciliation, and transitional justice, and for other purposes, which had been reported from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Lord's Resistance Army Disarmament and Northern Uganda Recovery Act of 2009".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress makes the following findings:

(1) For over 2 decades, the Government of Uganda engaged in an armed conflict with the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) in northern Uganda that led to the internal displacement of more than 2,000,000 Ugandans from their homes.

(2) The members of the Lord's Resistance Army used brutal tactics in northern Uganda, including mutilating, abducting and forcing individuals into sexual servitude and forcing a large number of children and youth in Uganda, estimated by the Survey for War Affected Youth to be over 66,000, to fight as part of the rebel force.